She is exposed to hear many disagreeable speeches and scenes, at which I do not wonder. She looks sometimes dejected. The women of character, though belonging to the Republic, do not associate with her. She had only a companion, or toad-eater.

General Hoche was one of the company, a tolerable-looking young man, with nothing at all martial in his countenance; grave and quiet, not *"en vainqueur d'Irlande"*

When you consider how completely this nation has been demoralised, and the kind of persons who are to compose the rising generation, without control, education or example before them, you will not wonder at my being incredulous as to the prompt return of Astrea.

I was going to apply for Madame Martinville's radiation the very day Lord Malmesbury was ordered away. Perhaps an opportunity may offer of serving her, but *I* must wait till it appears.

Madame d'Angevillers lives at Versailles, retired behind her hair and veil, as usual.

I told you about the Dames Boufflers. The old one is quite a skeleton; the

younger looks plump and well. It is supposed she is married to Chevalier, to whom they express much gratitude for saving their lives. Her son Emmanuel has got